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Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)** 

**Grant Recipient: Kake** 

**Project Title:** 

# Kake - Cruise Vessel First Responder and Oil Skimming Vessel

State Funding Requested: \$ 1,500,000 House District: 5 - C

One-Time Need

#### **Brief Project Description:**

CRUISE SHIP FUNDING SOURCE PROJECT - Funding would secure a oil spill response skimmer which would also double as a search and rescue vessel.

**Funding Plan:** 

Total Cost of Project: \$1,500,000

<u>Funding Secured</u> <u>Other Pending Requests</u> <u>Anticipated Future Need</u>

Amount FY Amount FY Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

#### **Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

THIS IS A CRUISE SHIP IMPACT FUND SOURCE PROJECT.

Cruise ship ports are fairly well-equipped to handle cruise ship related emergencies, however, the routes that these vessels travel are largely unprotected. Cruise ship traffic has always been a substantial risk to the surrounding communities. Kake is centrally located along the cruise ship routes and could provide the best coverage should an oil emergency occur on the water.

This vessel would also be capable of assisting in medical emergencies and would be able to respond and assist in the medical transport of cruise ship passengers if a medical emergency occurred while enroute to the next port of call.

With the estimated increase in cruise ship travel in Alaska, it is inevitable that more and more emergencies will happen while a ship is enroute. Southeast Alaska relies heavily on the fishing industry and if an oil spill should occur it is crucial that a response vessel be relatively nearby in order to minimize the impact to the environment. Further, due to the distance between medical facilities in southeast Alaska as well as bad weather which could hamper emergency transportation to these facilities, a vessel that could handle bad weather and medical emergencies is also needed.

#### **Project Timeline:**

Estimates have been obtained and construction could begin as soon as funding is available with completion by the summer of 2009.

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#### Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Kake

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:** 

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? X Yes No

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### City of Kake

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February 19, 2008

Representative Bill Thomas State Capitol, Room 434 Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Thomas:

The City of Kake, Mayor and Council Members request your support in our efforts to secure a vessel that would be equipped to respond to oil spills and or medical needs along the major central route for major cruise ship traffic in Southeast Alaska. The main concern we have is the potential for oil spills. And although we realize that these are never planned, the impact an oil spill would have on our community could be catastrophic.

The City of Kake and its citizens rely on the traditional foods, such as clams, crab, seaweed, salmon, halibut, shrimp, and other foods that would be severely impacted if there were ever an oil spill within our areas. We also rely upon our harvest of seafood for commercial purposes to pay for our homes and living expenses. This includes Frederick Sound, Chatham Strait, Sumner Strait and down along the shores and bays of Kuiu and Kupreanof Islands.

The cruise ship ports are fairly well-equipped to handle emergencies but the route of the cruise ship traffic has always been at heavy risk to the surrounding communities. Central Southeast Alaska needs a state of the art oil skimmer to allow response times of less than 2 hours in 98% of all weather conditions from southern Chatham Strait to the mouth of Peril Strait and around Gardner all the way along Pybus and Gambier Bays, southern Seymour Canal and southern Stephens Passage.

Kake is the most centrally located community to place such a vessel. Of course, it is also of interest to our citizens to have a vessel that is capable of responding to Search and Rescue needs as well, as we have lost several Kake residents and commercial fishermen from other Southcast Alaska communities from within 8-14 miles of our community.

In the past, there have been situations where the tourist ships have had medical emergencies and needed assistance transporting to Kake so they could get their clients to medical care. There will be emergencies into the foreseeable future with increased tourism and vessel traffic in our area. Therefore, it would be in the state and cruise ship industry's best interest to have a vessel capable of responding to any situation.



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The City of Kake, once funded would purchase the vessel, upon receiving the vessel we would follow a maintenance plan that would ensure the full life out of the vessel and motors.

Sincerely,

Henrich Kadake Sr.

Mayor



### Oil Response

## 48' Combination Skimmer

#### **General Specifications**

Molded Dimensions - 47' x 16' Engines - Twin C12 CATs, 660hp each Gears - Twin Disc 5114 IV Generator - Northern Lights 5 kw Skimming Equipment - Twin LORI 2 brush system Recover Tank - 65 barrel Off load pump - Desmi DOP 160 HIAB knuckle crane Push Knees 10" Tow Post w/ staple Fuel - 900 gallon capacity Water - 55 gallons Top Speed - 26 knots Bollard Pull - 20,000 lbs. Draft - 55"



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